

LAST EDITION A DEATH BLAZE.

The Leland House Fire Cost at Least Seven Lives.

Heart-Rending Scenes as the Blaze Did Its Work.

Syracuse Fire Department Inadequate to the Occasion.

Marvelously Rapid Spread of the Destroying Flames.

Struck, Oct. 16.—This city was the scene of a terrible calamity during the hours just preceding daylight this morning.

The Leland Hotel, the largest and grandest hotel in the city, got afire at a little before 1 o'clock, and now it is a dismantled ruin.

At first it was feared the loss of life was in the neighborhood of thirty, but the day was along and the number of missing and dead was reduced to seven or eight.

That the list of fatalities should be so small is made remarkable from the fact that inside of fifteen minutes after the alarm the building was in flames from end to end, and before thirty minutes had elapsed the walls had fallen, with the exception of the north-west corner.

THE DEAD.

The dead, as far as identified, are as follows: WILLIAM E. HARROD, Elizabeth, N. J. Business at 70 North street, New York.

MISS WALKER, servant in the hotel. BRIDGET DOYLE, a servant. MARY PADDEN, a servant.

FRANK CAREY, Glenn's Falls, N. Y. ANNIE CUMMINGS, aged twenty-four, from New York, hotel domestic, died at St. Joseph's Hospital; internal injuries by jumping.

THE INJURED.

CORA TANNER, the actress, severely burned on hands and arms.

BURNETT FORBES, Syracuse stock broker, burned about the hands.

Thousands of citizens came from their midnight slumbers and watched the terrible scene all through the night.

HOWELL JOSE, fireman, caught under a falling wall and fatally injured.

CLARK, M. J., bartender, right foot injured.

of smoke that poured out of the window below her, relaxed her grasp upon the rim of the iron ladder, and then came tumbling down, falling at the feet of the crowd of horrified citizens.

A minute afterwards three men leaped from the same window and were caught up from the Cayuga street pavement, limp and unconscious, with broken bones and probably fatal injuries.

The hotel was situated on the corner of Fayette and Franklin streets.

"Franklin street is the street that crosses the New York Central tracks at the eastern end of the depot, and only the station of the American Express Company is between the railway and the hotel.

The passengers on every incoming train were awakened by the noise and excitement and the glare of the big fire.

All left their trains and swelled the horrid-stricken throng that filled all the thoroughfares leading to the scene of conflagration.

CORA TANNER'S ESCAPE.

Miss Cora Tanner, the actress who played in "One Error" last night, was one of the guests of the house. Her room was on the Fayette street side.

Miss Tanner is possessed of remarkable nerve.

She lowered herself on the iron fire-escape ladder to the ground without injury from a half suffocation by the black smoke that poured out of every window.

She was greeted by a great cheer by the crowd, who she was choked almost in its embrace.

Under the stairway the firemen found a beautiful young mother, dead only in her nightgown and clasping to her bosom a little babe.

Both were unconscious. They were removed to the Sisters' Hospital, but at last accounts had not been revived.

BURNETT FORBES, a Syracuse stock broker, rushed into the street almost entirely naked.

He had scrambled down the staircase in utter confusion, and how he escaped in a mystery. As it was, his only injuries were severe burns on his hands from grasping the burning stair rail.

He left a \$500 watch and all his clothing behind him.

The crowd seemed spellbound by the awful scene, and after a while the most heart-rending incidents grew so common that they elicited hardly more than a curious interest.

On the roof of the boiler-house, located at the west side of the building, at one time six or seven persons were seen, and were injured from jumping.

They were removed by firemen.

A STRUGGLE AT A WINDOW.

At a third-story window a man and woman were seen, clasped in each other's arms, and with a background of yellow flames.

The woman seemed to desire to leap from the window, while the man restrained her. All was fire below them. Exit was out of behind them. There seemed hope only in the window—and there was no hope there.

KILLED ON THE BROOKLYN 'L' HILL URGES PEACE.

The Governor Comes to Harmonize Democracy's Warring Factions.

Oliver Teal Again in Authority with the P. M. L.

Mr. Archibald Plans a Cart-Tail Crusade Against Tammany.

Gov. Hill arrived at the Hoffman House last evening, and although his arrival was unannounced, he failed to attract any of the political and social throngs.

The Governor's visit is with the object of settling factional differences which threaten Democratic success in Sunday Congressional and Assembly elections.

In several local districts where the State Committee's "Harmony Five" supported they had established peace the arrangement agreed on has been violated by one faction or the other.

This is notably the case in the Eleventh Congressional District, where the Murrayites of the Seventeenth Assembly District renominated Congressman John Quinn against the Democratic union candidate, John De Witt Warner.

The Assembly district in which the Harmony division of organizations has not been observed are the Eighth, where both Tammany and County Democratic candidates for Assemblyman and Alderman are in the field; the Ninth, where the county have endorsed a Republican for Assembly, and the Tenth, where Mr. Stedman's Association nominated its own candidate for Alderman instead of endorsing the County's candidate.

THE PEOPLE'S MUNICIPAL LEAGUE managers have come to the conclusion that they did a better job in the election of Mayor McGraw than they did in the election of Mayor McClellan.

As there was no further necessity for the League's existence, the League has been dissolved, and that gentleman with his penitential tears will show with added brilliancy.

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HE CUT HIS OWN THROAT.

A Brooklyn Man's Suicide Elizabeth This Morning.

Elizabeth N. J., Oct. 16.—Chris Andersen, forty-three years old, in a suicide note this morning by cutting his throat with a butcher knife.

He is a former resident of Brooklyn, where he ran a meat shop for twenty-two years.

His wife and three children live on Avenue B, New York.

Engendering quarrels eight months ago with his wife, he quarrelled with the property of his wife, and he cut his throat with a butcher knife.

He worked six months for the Singer Company and a month as a butcher shop at 50 Third street, and was doing a good business.

He boarded with his brother William at 115 East 10th street.

This morning he went into a vacant store, which he was about to rent, and there committed the deed, he was breathing his last when discovered.

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LAST EDITION NOW THE TAX OFFICE.

That Department Under the Fassel Committee's Fire To-Day.

Commissioner Coleman Questioned by Inquisitor Ivins.

The Latter Angered by Thrusts About Rapid Transit.

The investigation of Tammany by Senator Fassel and his colleagues went on again in Part II of the Superior Court this morning.

It had been decided to wind up the Register's office, after examining one or two more witnesses, and probe into the affairs of the Tax Commissioners' office, so most of the witnesses summoned for today were from this department of the city government.

Charles Blauvelt's offer to do the searching in the Register's office for \$6,000 a year received yesterday by the committee, has occasioned much comment. The appropriation for this purpose asked by Register Fitzgerald for the coming year is \$10,000.

It was stated this morning that Mr. Blauvelt was connected with one of the title guarantee companies of the city, and that if his offer should be accepted it would virtually be placing the Register's Office in the control of this company.

When Chief Inquisitor Ivins, who was about to retire, made a remark in his announcement that the grins of the Committee would today be opened on the Tax Office.

Senator McNaughton has returned from his trip to the country to look after hayseed politics, and resumed his place to-day, with Senator Hearsh and the Chairman of the Committee.

NOW THE TAX OFFICE.

President Coleman, of the Board of Taxes and Assessments, was the first witness called to the stand.

He told Mr. Ivins that he had been President of the Board since 1883, and had been connected with the department for eighteen years. He was also Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Mr. Ivins first turned his attention to the personnel of the Tax Office, and Mr. Coleman told him there were forty-five persons employed, and gave a list of them. He also described their various duties.

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